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Anti-abortion ads on buses spark outrage

OC TRANSPO

The campaign is insensitive to women: Activist

Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

Controversial ads on city buses are once again generating social media furor after a photo was posted to Facebook of an ad on the back of an OC Transpo bus that reads "Abortion Stops A Beating Heart."

The ad does not include any graphic images. Instead, it depicts a red and black heart with the words, "Pregnant? Need help?" accompanied by a number and website for the organization Action Life.

The Ottawa-based group opposes abortion, euthanasia, stem cell research and the use of reproductive technologies such as in vitro fertilization and pre-natal screening.

A photo of the ad shared on Facebook on March 11 by Algonquin College student Danika Sabourin generated over 220 shares and 68 likes over two days.

"I am so disgusted," wrote Sabourin. "How can this post even be allowed on here?"

Local activist and blogger Kayla Spagnoli shared the image on Twitter and asked people to contact OC Transpo because she said she found the campaign insensitive to women.

"I feel like there is a time and a place but I don't think that is on the back of a bus where it could be triggering or harmful for younger audiences," said Spagnoli. "Bringing up abortion in that light is not helpful for anyone. It makes it seem very black and white."

Metro attempted to contact Action Life on Sunday, but was unsuccessful.

Advertisements on OC Transpo buses are handled by Pattison Outdoor Advertising and must conform to the Canadian Code of Advertising Standards.

In Peterborough the Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform has taken legal action against the city after it was denied permission to advertise anti-abortion messages on the city's public transit system.

One of the ads on the back of a city bus. FACEBOOK

It's not the first time the appropriateness of controversial ads on OC Transpo has been scrutinized here in Ottawa.

In 2013, advertising for a 9/11 "truther" campaign upset people with a message that the world trade towers were brought down deliberately by controlled explosives.

In 2009, an atheist bus campaign that featured the text, "There's probably no god. Now stop worrying and enjoy your life," also generated complaints.

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PROPOSAL

Photo radar petition picking up speed

A petition is picking up speed in support of photo radar.

So far about 125 people have signed the resident-led online petition in support of Coun. Riley Brockington's proposal to ask the province for permission to catch excessive speeders using photo radar.

Council will debate the issue March 23. Coun. Eli El-Chantiry, who chairs the Ottawa police board, is seconding his motion.

If Brockington's motion passes, it doesn't necessarily mean photo radar will show up on Ottawa streets — not right away, anyway — but it would at least give the city the power to decide, said resident Kevin O'Donnell.

He launched the petition at safestreetsottawa.ca with fellow community advocate Michael Powell last Thursday.

"The motion is asking, 'Do you want more tools in your toolkit, or do you want to tell residents there's nothing we can do and shrug your shoulders?'" O'Donnell said.

"Do you want to tell residents there's nothing we can do and shrug your shoulders?
Kevin O'Donnell

He said having the option of photo radar would fill enforcement gaps the Ottawa police can't possibly afford to address.

It might also reduce wasted money on politically motivated traffic calming measures, he said, like artificially reducing limits on high-speed roads against the advice of staff.

Provincial leaders, including Transportation Minister Steven Del Duca, have said they're hesitant to allow photo radar back on Ontario streets for the first time since 1995, when the Conservative government scrapped the program a year after the NDP put it in place.

Those against photo radar say it's a cash grab, and that speeding is not the root cause of collisions the way politicians — and photo radar companies — make out.

So far Kitchissippi and Alta Vista wards have the most signatures on the petition.

This month, the police service's Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) will crack down on speeders.

EMMA JACKSON/METRO

Photo radar is set for a comeback in Ontario after more than 20 years. DREAMSTIME

REDBLACKS RIDEAU CENTRE HOSTS TRYOUTS Current Redblacks cheerleader Alex Orr preforms during the Redblacks cheer and dance tryouts at the Rideau Centre on Sunday. HALEY RITCHIE/METRO

New kind of bike lane proposed for Byron

CYCLISTS

City will hold public consultation in June: Engineer

Emma Jackson
Metro | Ottawa

The city could test a new type of bike lane on Byron Avenue.

Advisory lanes use dotted lines instead of solid, allowing cars to cross into them to avoid oncoming traffic.

Drivers must yield to cyclists, but ultimately the lane is a shared space.

These lanes have been pitched for a 2.9-kilometre stretch of Byron from Sherbourne Road to Island Park Drive in Westboro.

It's due for some traffic calming: Fifteen per cent of drivers go more than 15 kilometres over the 50 km/h speed limit there. And while up to nine per cent of trips are made by bike, cycling facilities are glaringly absent.

The hope is advisory lanes will improve cycling safety while narrowing the road, effectively solving both issues, Kitchissippi Coun. Jeff Leiper said.

"It will be interesting to hear from cyclists if they think these will be helpful or not," said Leiper.

If approved, they would be the first of their kind in Ottawa.

Residents can offer feedback online until May 25.

The city will host a public consultation in June, and some traffic calming measures, including the bike lanes, could be implemented this summer, said program engineer Justin Swan.

The budget isn't set — it depends what calming measures residents support — but Leiper said it's likely "hundreds of thousands of dollars."

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Miserable Monday weather forecast

PRECIPITATION

Environment Canada warns of freezing rain in capital

Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

Ottawa residents enjoyed a brief intro to patio season this weekend, but it's back to messy March for the rest of the week.

The temperature reached a high of 12 C on Saturday and hardy residents with spring fever hit patios along Elgin Street and inside the ByWard Market over the weekend.

Spring ice blasting, normally undertaken to prevent flooding, was scheduled for 10 a.m. on Saturday but was cancelled because the warm weather made it unnecessary.

The Rideau Valley Conservation Authority is still warning residents to remain off the ice and be cautious of high water levels along the river.

Mild temperatures of 7 C and sun continued on Sunday, making the time change a little bit easier, but the weather is predicted to turn cold and slushy after the weekend.

Environment Canada released a special weather statement for Ottawa on Sunday warning of possible freezing rain on Monday morning.

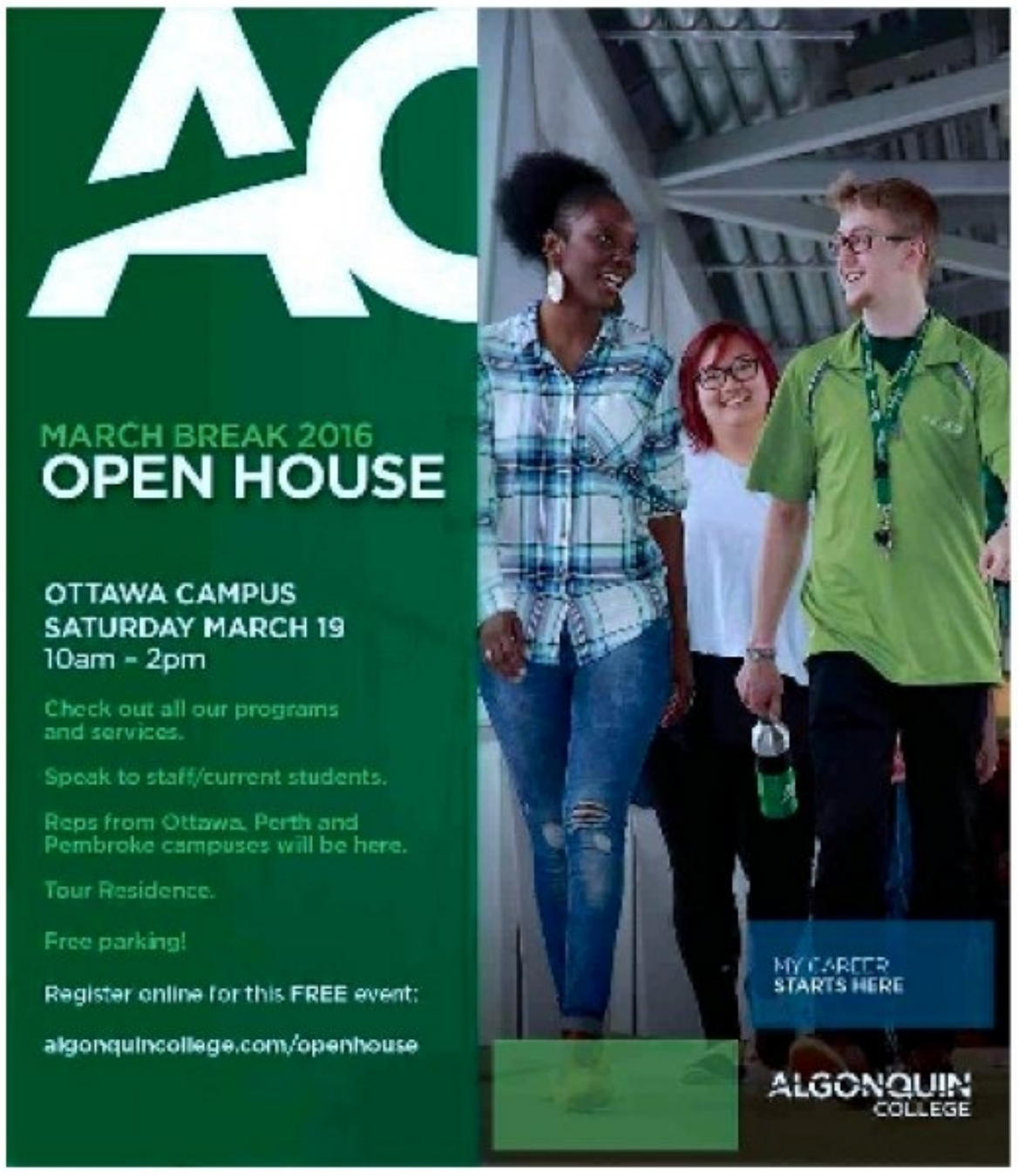
A low-pressure system approaching from the Great Lakes area will bring nasty weather and slippery surfaces on Monday, according to the release.

"An initial band of intermittent rain will spread into southern portions of the province today and tonight, reaching far Eastern Ontario Monday morning," reads the statement.

"It will likely begin as some freezing rain Monday morning over regions neighbouring the Ottawa Valley and could persist for a few hours before changing to periodic rain as temperatures gradually moderate above the freezing mark," it continues.

Above-zero temperatures and rain are forecast for most of the week.

Ottawa residents took to patios en masse over the weekend as the city got its first taste of spring with temperatures up to 12 C. After this short-lived respite, freezing rain is expected for Monday. HALEY RITCHIE/METRO



ONTARIO BUDGET

Guaranteed income trial in works

A single paragraph buried in the Ontario budget could mean big changes in the lives of some of the province's most impoverished residents by giving them a guaranteed minimum income.

Last month's provincial budget promised a pilot project to test "that a basic income could build on the success of minimum wage policies and increases in child benefits by providing more consistent and predictable support."

The concept is on the radar of the federal Liberals, too — a Liberal-dominated parliamentary committee called on the Trudeau government to explore the concept of guaranteeing people a minimum income in a pre-budget report tabled Friday.

Charles Sousa, Ontario's finance minister, said the province has not decided which community will be the test site for a basic income guarantee.

> **It's important for us to pilot, to test it out, and see what happens.**
> Charles Sousa, Ontario's finance minister

"It's something that many people seem to have an interest in us testing out, so we're looking at something in the fall," he said. "Other jurisdictions are using it, and I want to see if it makes sense for us, so it's important for us to pilot, to test it out, and see what happens."

Proponents say a guaranteed minimum income, which would see families living below the poverty line topped up to a set level, would be more efficient and less costly than administering the existing series of social programs that help low-income residents.

They also say poverty is one of the biggest determinants of health, and a guaranteed minimum income could mean reduced health-care costs.

"Poverty costs us all. It expands health-care costs, policing burdens and depresses the economy," Sen. Art Eggleton said last month as he called for a national pilot project of a basic income guarantee.

About nine per cent of Canadians live in poverty, but the numbers are much higher for single mothers and indigenous communities.

Social programs should lift people out of poverty, not keep them there, and a basic income is a new approach that could work, added Eggleton.

"How we have dealt with poverty has failed," he said. "We need to test a different approach."

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IN BRIEF

Ottawa Hospital targeted in cyber incident last week

The Ottawa Hospital says it was the subject of a "cyber incident" in the last week.

The hospital issued a statement Saturday saying four of the hospital's 9,800 computers faced a hacker attempt, but no patient information was affected.

On Twitter, the hospital said it was not a hacking attempt, but a "cyber incident" in which malware locked down the files and the hospital wiped its drives. The hospital says it's confident its safeguards are appropriate. THE CANADIAN PRESS, WITH FILES FROM METRO

5 THINGS TO DO IN OTTAWA OVER MARCH BREAK

The plunging loonie may keep you from travelling to tropical climates for March Break but look on the bright side — the capital warmed up just enough for a patio brew. If you're staying in the city, here are some fun ideas to entertain kids and kids at heart.

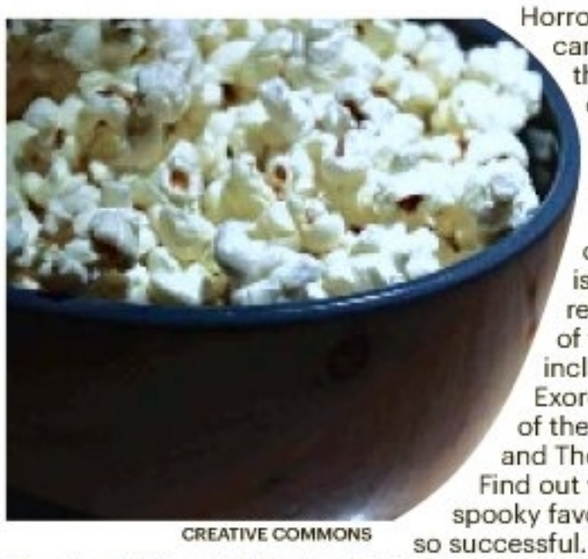
Lucy Scholey
Metro | Ottawa

CREATIVE COMMONS

1 A week in Verse

Sixty poets from around the world are coming to Ottawa for six days of slam, rap, haikus and children's rhymes. Individual tickets are $10 at the door or $50 for a full week pass. For more information, visit versefest.ca.

2 A night at the 1970s horror movies



CREATIVE COMMONS

Horror film buffs can brush up on the "golden era" of scary movies. Ed Staples, an Ottawa-based aficionado of the genre, is going to reference films of the 1970s, including The Exorcist, Dawn of the Dead, Alien and The Omen. Find out why these spooky favourites were so successful. That's at the Bluesfest School of Music, 450 Churchill Ave. North. Tickets cost $10.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

3 Sugar rush

It's not a Canadian spring without a sickly sweet dose of maple syrup. Tap into this tradition at one of the area's sugar bushes, including Fulton's Pancake House, Stanley's Olde Maple Lane Farm or Proulx Maple & Berry Farm.

CREATIVE COMMONS

4 Bugs and Vikings

It's easily Ottawa's best go-to activity for families: museum days. Make a Viking helmet at the Canadian Museum of History's Viking Adventure week, cook with bugs at the Canadian Museum of Nature, go undercover at the Diefenbunker's spy camp or take a "tinkering" workshop at the Canada Aviation and Space Museum.

CREATIVE COMMONS

5 St. Paddy's Day

Book a babysitter, wear green and head out to one of the city's many Irish pubs on Thursday. Patty Boland's is serving a free buffet with a $5 Keith's from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. James Street Pub also opens at 11 a.m. with Johnny Mac and the Jamie Douglas Band playing in the afternoon. Join storyteller Mike Burns for a night of Irish tales at the National Arts Centre at 7:30 p.m.

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Registered Early Childhood Education Educator Kimberly Vandermeer leads Syrian refugee children in circle time activities during a playgroup organized by Ottawa Community Health Centres on Wednesday, March 9. JUSTIN TANG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Playing helps to pass the time

REFUGEE ARRIVALS

Activities organized for Syrian kids at Ottawa hotel

In his house in Damascus, 10-year-old Abdelkader had a big bedroom filled with sunshine that he shared with his whole family.

So it's not so difficult, he says, to share a room with them now in a downtown Ottawa hotel, as they await permanent homes in the national capital like hundreds of other Syrian refugees who have arrived in the last three months.

While his parents go to orientation sessions on everything from opening a bank account to signing up for English classes, Abdelkader and about 50 other children pack a boardroom nearly every day on the 11th floor of the Radisson for an hour of nothing but play.

The play groups were set up in response to a need identified when a surge in Syrian refugee arrivals overwhelmed settlement agencies in Ottawa.

Since the children can't start school until they're in their permanent homes, a group of community health care centres in Ottawa are running play groups at the hotels along with the English classes and medical support they provide on site.

The kids, ranging in age from a few months old to even older than Abdelkader, crowd around the door before the workers get the keys, eager to be let into the tiny room to have at the bounty of toys and crafts.

Inside, the heat is stifling, the sound overwhelming. Plinking piano keys, loud games of tug of war over favourite dolls or plastic cars and the general mayhem that comes when so many children are jammed into the same space.

The walls of the boardroom are covered in paintings and drawings. There's a Canadian flag, a paper filled with glittery ABC stickers, images of butterflies and cats and dogs.

But if there's a common theme, it's paintings of homes.

Abdelkader did one, a purple and pink house with a yellow sun overhead, his name scrawled in Arabic at the top. There are two figures in the picture, one of whom is a play group staff member who serves as an Arabic translator. Abdelkader is the other.

It was a gift, he says, to say thank you for her help. But it's also how he imagines what his home will one day look like — when his family eventually gets one — in Ottawa.

"I'd love to have a home like this picture," Abdelkader says through a translator.

Kimberly Vandermeer, who runs the daily play group at the Radisson, also runs play groups at family shelters.

Kids are the same no matter where they are from, she said — they all want to draw pictures of home.

"It's something universal; where your family comes together, it's where you learn, it's where you grow without even knowing you're growing," she said.

Vandermeer said each day she watches the children grow a little more confident as they navigate their new lives. Part of each play group is circle time, where the children sit and sing songs like Itsy Bitsy Spider and Row, Row, Row Your Boat. Each day more of them seem to pick up more of the English words, she says.

But challenges remain. The hotels are just a waypoint and the adjustment to their new apartments, new schools and new neighbourhoods, when they eventually find them, will take time.

Sabah Alharaki, 33, has six children. The oldest is 16, the youngest 10. Unlike the vast majority of refugees coming to Canada under the Liberal program, she came to Ottawa from the sprawling Zaatari refugee camp in Jordan.

While that was better than Syria, it is still better here, Alharaki said. Sometime in the next week her family will be moving into an apartment and begin the settlement process in earnest.

Through a translator, she expresses gratitude for the kindness everyone has shown her since she arrived. What she's most looking forward to, she added, are the future opportunities for her children.

"Thank God," Alharaki said, "they will have a chance."

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BACKGROUND

Who's waiting for homes

Larger family sizes than anticipated made permanent homes harder to find, leaving families in hotels longer than expected. There were also far more children — about 55 per cent of government assisted Syrian refugees are under the age of 14.

Mulcair fights for his future

POLITICS

NPD leader canvassing ahead of party convention

NDP Leader Tom Mulcair speaks to reporters in the Foyer of the House of Commons in Ottawa in December. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tom Mulcair was leaving the national capital, his devastating federal election defeat still stinging, when he realized he wanted to stay on as leader of the NDP.

Mulcair, having just wrapped up a post-election event in Ottawa with defeated colleague and "extraordinary friend" Paul Dewar, was returning to his hometown of Montreal with his deputy chief of staff Chantale Turgeon.

"The very first night that we did in Ottawa with Paul Dewar was the first moment that I felt the hope that continuing was going to produce the result we didn't have in 2015," Mulcair said in an interview with The Canadian Press.

"I finished that evening; Chantale was with me, we drove back to Montreal and I said, 'We are going to continue the fight.'"

Mulcair knew he wasn't about to make a decision about his political future on election night, but he also knew he would have to face a process of reflection in the aftermath. That, he admitted, was very difficult on a personal level.

"It takes a while to take stock of something like that and to decide what you want to do," he said.

Rank-and-file New Democrats are still soul-searching as they prepare to gather in Edmonton for the party's convention next month, where they will decide if Mulcair should stay on as leader.

NDP president Rebecca Blaikie, who has been leading a working group conducting its own election post-mortem, has said Mulcair will need about 70 per cent support from voting delegates to keep his position.

To that end, the NDP leader is trying to persuade party faithful that he can lead them beyond October's disappointing results, meeting face-to-face with New Democrats across the country.

"We set it up in such a way that I would be touring, listening to the base, taking into account everything that they had been feeling since the election," said Mulcair, who described the rank-and-file perspectives as "oxygen" for him.

The meetings have put him in small rooms where he can better connect with ordinary party members — something he admits he didn't have much chance to do when the party was the official Opposition.

"I've been … picking up the phone and phoning people ahead of visits as I've gone across the country, ahead of Edmonton," he said. "Talking to people that I've met, talking to people from different ridings … That's given me energy."

The NDP leader also appears to have more physical energy — he said he has been hitting the pool five times a week and seems focused on eating well.

> We set it up in such a way that I would be touring, listening to the base, taking into account everything that they had been feeling since the election.
> Tom Mulcair

Mulcair said he has been invigorated by meeting people who remind him of why he is passionate about fighting for ordinary folks who face uphill battles.

"As I've been carrying this forward, I look at the types of things we continue to fight for. It is not just enough to just say, 'Let's make this a fairer society where everybody gets a chance,'" he said.

"Government has to play an active role in levelling the playing field … you can't just affirm it."

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Province must up standards: Report

GROUP HOMES

Children's Aid Society calls for improved screening

Children's aid societies are calling for an overhaul of Ontario's group home system, where standards are so low that caregivers are not screened through a provincial database of people who might be a risk to children.

The demands are contained in a hard-hitting report by the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies (OACAS), which represents all but three of the province's 47 privately run societies. The report, obtained by the Star, was presented in February to a government-appointed panel reviewing Ontario's system of residential care.

It describes a widely inadequate system of residential services and lays much of the responsibility on the Ministry of Children and Youth Services, which funds and regulates child protection in Ontario. The societies note that despite years of debate and study, group homes remain unaccountable, to the point that societies don't know if the homes they send children to are performing badly.

"Group home staff are often underpaid and not always well trained in understanding treatment needs or how to deal with behavioural challenges" presented by children often struggling with trauma or mental health issues, it says.

The report describes "somewhat cryptic" ministry standards for a group home licence. Most troubling, perhaps, is a double standard on background checks.

Foster parents approved by societies must be checked through Fast Track, an electronic database that contains records of all children's aid societies and flags people who have abused children or risked their safety. But people hired to care for children and teens in group homes are not screened through Fast Track.

15,625

Approximately **15,625 children were taken into care in 2014-2015** due to abuse or neglect from a parent.

Screening caregivers through Fast Track was recommended by the coroner's inquest for Jeffrey Baldwin, who died in 2002 after years of mistreatment by his grandparents.

On average, 15,625 children were taken into care in 2014-15 due to parental abuse or neglect. About 3,300 ended up in Ontario's 484 privately owned group homes. The province last year gave societies $1.5 billion in funding.

Despite the litany of system failures it outlines, the OACAS report says group homes play a "critical role in supporting children and youth in need of protection." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Signatures of various MPs and the prime minister adorn a booklet sent to Degas Sikorski, an Edmonton area man who received a Valentine at work last month that was defaced with a homophobic message. HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

SUPPORT

PM's special Valentine message

An Alberta man who got a Valentine at work defaced with a homophobic slur has received a much nicer card signed by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

The card, which Degas Sikorski received on Saturday, contains messages of support from the prime minister as well as cabinet ministers and MPs.

"Know that your friends outnumber the haters by millions, and I am one of your friends," Trudeau wrote in the card, which was delivered to Sikorski by Edmonton Centre MP Randy Boissonnault.

A photo of the Valentine that Sikorski, 20, of St. Albert received last month at a party supplies store in Edmonton caused an online furor after his mother posted it to Facebook.

She said a supervisor at the Party City store made Valentines for all the staff, but when her son picked his up, it had a hate message on it.

Sikorski said the card from Trudeau and other MPs also contained photos of the prime minister signing it.

"It was a beautiful card," Sikorski said. "There were so many pictures and so many people wanted to sign it, they had to add extra pages.

"Canada went from being this big, wide-open country to feeling like Ottawa and Ontario were right next to Alberta."

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COMMUNITY

Do-it-yourself biology summit galvanizes citizen scientists

In a community laboratory she co-founded, Alaina Hardie isolates and sequences sections of her own DNA though she has no formal education in biology.

The Toronto software developer believes that "citizen scientists" like her have potential to make breakthroughs as significant as universities or big corporations. It appears the federal government thinks so too.

"I sure hope they capitalize on us," Hardie said ahead of a do-it-yourself biology convention in Ottawa scheduled for Wednesday. "In some garage, or DIY hackerspace, or after-hours in some university lab, the next big thing is coming."

The Public Health Agency of Canada has invited 60 DIY-biology leaders, academics and police to attend the first-ever "Do-It-Yourself Biology Summit." It will also host 300 video links at a total conference cost of $15,000, said Marianne Heisz, a director with the agency's centre for biosecurity.

Participants will get a snapshot of the growing open-science movement, discuss building a culture of safety and dream up future collaborations. Heisz said the government wants to leverage the brainpower of a legitimate emerging community.

Scott Pownall, co-founder of the Open Science Network, works in Vancouver's first community biolab in Vancouver, B.C. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"They're doing real science," she said. "They're just doing it in a non-traditional way, sometimes outside of the larger institutions that it traditionally has been done."

Practitioners say DIY biology amounts to crowdsourcing science. They believe making biological sciences accessible to anyone could spur solutions and new inventions, similar to the leap forward when computers were put in the hands of the masses.

"You hear stories about Frederick Banting inventing insulin, which is an absolutely amazing and critical contribution to the world," said Dickie.

Scott Pownall, who runs the Open Science Network in Vancouver, says he believes a number of PhDs are leaving the sciences and calls himself an example of what's happening.

"Community biolabs may be an avenue in which individuals outside of academia and industry can economically drive innovation." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Turkish riot police secure the scene after an explosion in Ankara on Sunday. GETTY IMAGES

People carry an injured person.
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The wreckage of a bus after the explosion. GETTY IMAGES

At least 34 killed, 125 hurt by bomb

TERRORISM

Third bombing in Ankara in five months

A suicide car bomb went off near bus stops in the heart of Turkey's capital on Sunday, killing at least 34 people and wounding around 125 others, officials said.

The blast occurred on the city's main boulevard, close to Ankara's main square and a park.

Health Minister Mehmet Muezzinoglu said 19 of the wounded were in serious condition. He said that 30 of the fatalities died at the scene, while the other four perished at hospitals. Two of the dead were believed to be the assailants, he added.

Interior Minister Efkan Ala said the attack, which came as Turkey prepared to launch large-scale military operations against Kurdish militants in two towns, wouldn't deter the country from its fight against terrorism. He confirmed the blast as a car bomb that targeted civilians at bus stops on Ataturk Bulvari close to Kizilay square.

Ala said authorities had evidence pointing to the group behind the attack, but said an announcement would be made after the investigation is completed.

Dogan Asik, 28, said he was on a packed bus when the explosion occurred.

"There were about 40 people," said Asik, who sustained injuries on his face and arm. "It (the bus) slowed down. A car went by us, and 'boom' it exploded."

Police sealed off the area and pushed onlookers and journalists back, warning there could be a second bomb. Forensic teams were examining the scene.

No one has claimed responsibility for the attack, although Kurdish militants and the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) have carried out bombings in the city recently. A far-left militant group is also active in Turkey.

The bombing is the third in the city in five months and comes as Turkey is faced with an array of issues, including renewed fighting with the Kurdish rebels, threats from ISIL and a Syrian refugee crisis.

Turkey also has been struck by several bombings in the last year that were blamed on ISIL as the government joined efforts led by the U.S. to fight the extremist group in Syria.

The deadliest came in October when a peace rally outside Ankara's main train station killed 102 people.
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IVORY COAST

Tourists targeted in attack

Ivory Coast president Alassane Ouattara says 14 civilians and 6 assailants have been killed in an attack on the beach and hotels in Grand-Bassam, a resort town and UNESCO World Heritage site in Ivory Coast.

Assailants opened fire Sunday, sending tourists fleeing through hotels.

The bursts of gunfire were heard in the southeastern Ivory Coast beach town about 40 kilometres east of Abidjan, Ivory Coast's commercial centre, said a witness, in what is the third major attack on a tourism centre in a West African country since November.

Shots rang out in Grand-Bassam, a popular weekend destination for Ivorians and foreigners, said 25-year-old Josiane Sekongo, who lives across from one of the town's many beachfront hotels. People ran from the beach amid the gunfire, she said.

Security forces responded as residents hid in their homes, she said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NORTH AFRICA

Attacks by extremists on hotels frequented by foreigners in two other West African countries, Mali in November and Burkina Faso in January, killed dozens of people and indicated that extremist attacks are spreading from North Africa.

SYRIA

War destroys a generation

Before Syria's catastrophic war exploded in March 2011, it was a middle class country with almost 100 per cent literacy, routine immunization for children, little grinding poverty and a well developed health care system.

Now the country has collapsed, millions have fled or died in the attempt and the outlook for the children who will be tomorrow's adults ranges from grim to alarming. The conflict that has taken more than 250,000 lives is a war on an entire generation.

A report published today by the UN children's agency UNICEF details the dangers Syrian children face daily, from hunger to military attacks, physical and emotional trauma, disease and recruitment to violence.

"Bombs have turned classrooms, health centres and parks to rubble," it says. "The streets where they should be able to play are blocked by checkpoints or littered with explosive remnants of war.

"Diseases once vanquished have returned."

Armed groups are recruiting children at earlier ages, UNICEF said — including those as young as seven. Some are offered "gifts and salaries of up to $400 (U.S.) a month," others are kidnapped.

The UN has verified that more than 460 children have been abducted as fighters.

Numbers of child refugees have also escalated from 520,348 in 2013 to 2.4 million today. But for those who make it to safety, there is no certainty of a future.

"There's a sense of limbo," says David Morley, UNICEF Canada's president and CEO, who has visited refugee camps in the region.

"Five years in the life of a child is massive. Some have known nothing but war. We need to give them a place where they can feel nurtured. It's important to get educational material into schools and provide places of protection, learning and love."

Inside Syria, he says, international humanitarian law must be observed, so aid agencies can supply people with food, medical help and clean water in areas where they are under siege.

In January UNICEF staff found desperate conditions when they were allowed into the besieged town of Madaya. Starving children begged for bread, others were dying, too weak to survive even after help arrived.

A separate report issued last week, and signed by 30 aid and human rights groups — including Oxfam, Care International and Save the Children — pointed a finger at the UN's veto-wielding permanent members.

It accused them of failing to apply diplomatic pressure to alleviate Syrians' suffering, and "fuelling the fire" by lending support to their allies and proxies in the conflict. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

CHILDREN HIT

Conflict in Syria has left children at risk of dying from explosives, disease, and hunger. From a UN report:

- **Seven million children** in Syria live in poverty
- **Three: The age of the youngest Syrian children** who are working
- **2.8 million Syrian children** have been taken out of school
- **70% of Syrian children** have no access to reliable water
- **810,926 children** under age five have taken refuge in other countries

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Go grandmaster defeats computer

SEOUL

South Korean says he found weaknesses in AI program

A champion Go player scored his first win over a Go-playing computer program on Sunday after losing three straight times in the ancient Chinese board game, saying he finally found weaknesses in the software.

Lee Sedol's victory over AlphaGo is a reminder that Google's Go-playing program has room for improvement despite winning the first three matches in the best-of-five series and the $1 million US prize, which will be donated to charity. The program — the first computer system to defeat a top Go player — was developed by Google DeepMind two years ago.

"This one win is so valuable and I will not trade this for anything in the world," Lee, one of the best Go players in the world, said with a smile after entering the post-match news conference at a Seoul hotel to applause from journalists.

Lee had said earlier in the series, which began last week, that he was unable to beat AlphaGo because he could not find any weaknesses in the software's strategy.

But after Sunday's match, the 33-year-old South Korean Go grandmaster, who has won 18 international championships, said he found two weaknesses in the artificial intelligence program.

Lee said that when he made an unexpected move, AlphaGo responded with a move as if the program had a bug, indicating that the machine lacked the ability to deal with surprises.

AlphaGo also had more difficulty when it played with a black stone, according to Lee. In Go, two players take turns putting black or white stones on a 19-by-19-line grid, with a goal of putting more territory under one's control. A player with a black stone plays first and a white-stone player gets extra points to compensate.

Lee played with a white stone on Sunday. For the final match, scheduled for Tuesday, Lee has offered to play with a black stone.

Three hours into Sunday's match, it became clear that Lee would finally notch a win. AlphaGo narrowed the gap with Lee, but could not overtake him, resigning nearly five hours into the game.

The popular Asian board game has remained the holy grail for the artificial intelligence community for about two decades, after chess was conquered by computers.

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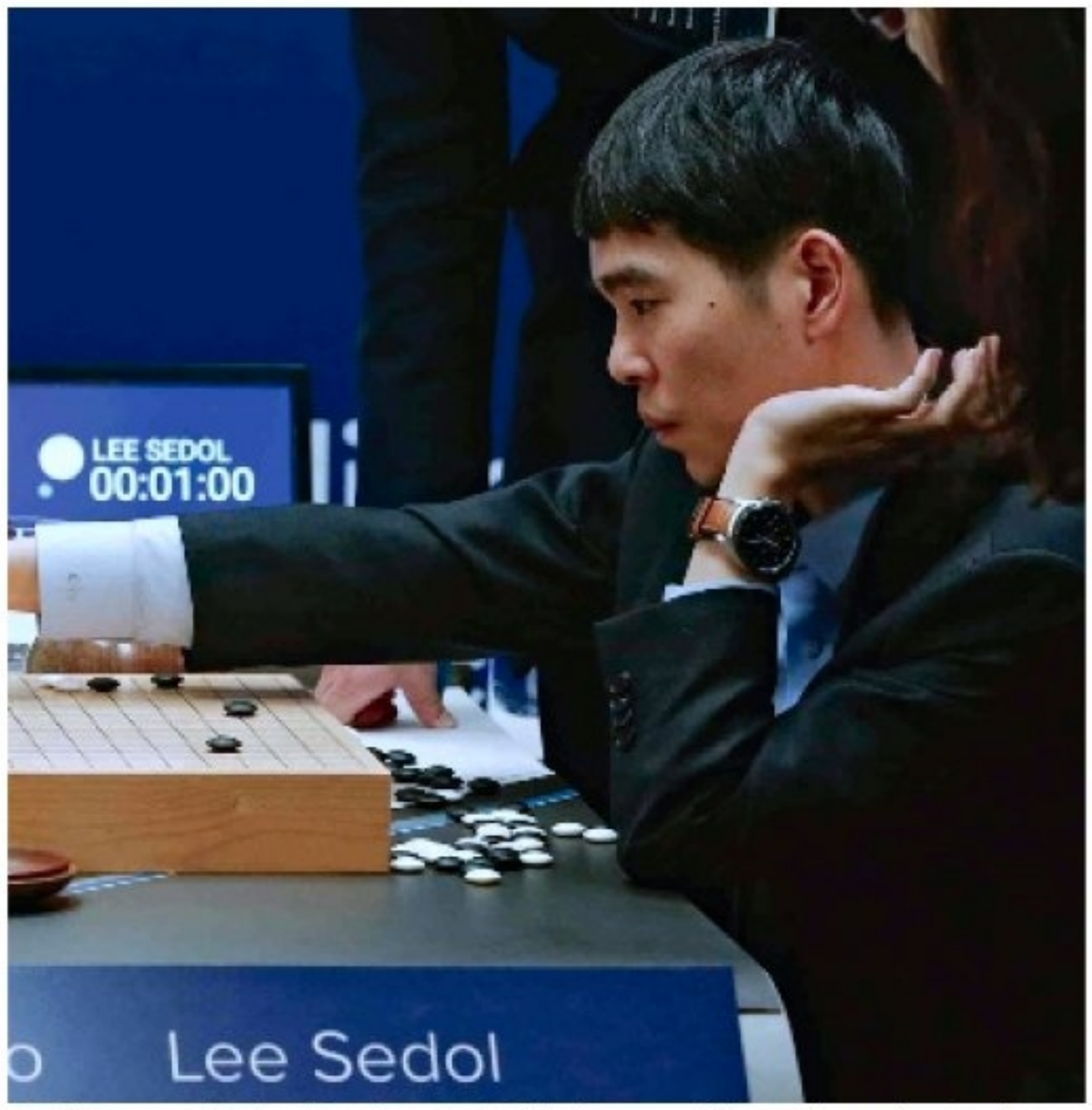
> "This one win is so valuable and I will not trade this for anything in the world. Lee Sedol



South Korean professional Go player Lee Sedol reviews one of his matches against Google's artificial intelligence program, AlphaGo in Seoul, South Korea. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cranes move material at the Hudson Yards site in New York. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK

Building boom changing skyline

Tommy Gambardella is a master of New York's construction universe.

Gambardella, 49, is at the helm of one of the giant tower cranes sprouting across the city, a prime force in a building boom that is changing New York's skyline. It can be dangerous work — a fact hammered home by several deadly accidents in recent years.

New York is enjoying a construction bonanza following a recession that choked new investment for years. The city has issued permits for about $35 billion US worth of both residential and commercial construction in the past year.

Fifty-five tower cranes and 26 smaller, "crawler" cranes are now in use, licensed by the city — about twice as many as two years ago, according to the Department of Buildings.

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FARMING

Pricey tea a growing niche crop in U.S. and Canada

A growing number of North American farmers from Mississippi to British Columbia are growing tea for the high-priced specialty market.

Tea consultant Nigel Melican says they can make money because more people are willing to pay premium prices for what they consider top quality. Prices range from about $8 US for a box of 12 tea bags to nearly $700 US a pound and the market is growing 8 to 10 per cent a year.

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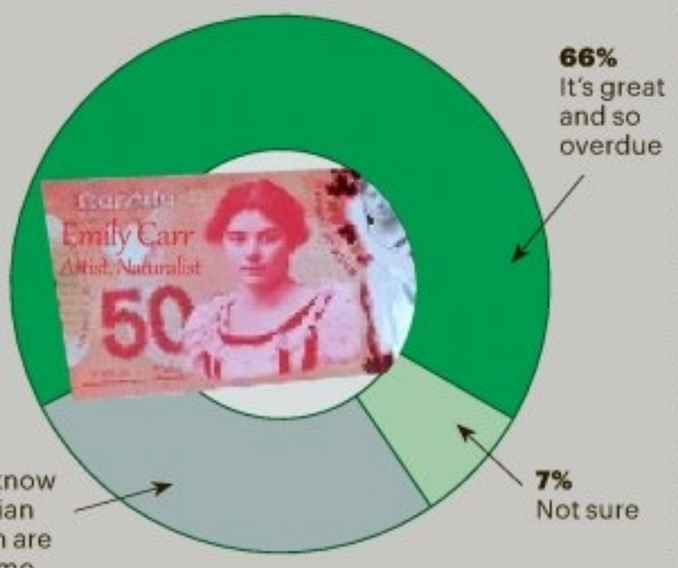
UNDER FIRE
Top experts have shot holes in the data used for a Lancet study claiming strict gun control would decimate violent deaths in the U.S.

METRO MONDAY POLL

Who should be the lady on our money?

Author? Astronaut? Activist? We asked our readers to choose who should be on the new bank notes Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has confirmed will picture an iconic Canadian woman starting in 2018. Though the real bill will feature a woman who died in 1991 or before, we asked for all your suggestions — and you came up with more than a few formidable females worthy of the honour.

1 What do you think about women on currency?



2 Who would you pick to be on the new bills?

18% Nellie McClung (women's rights activist)
16% Laura Secord (hero of the War of 1812)
9% Kim Campbell (prime minister)
8% Viola Desmond (civil rights activist)
6% Emily Howard Stowe (first Canadian female doctor)
6% Roberta Bondar (astronaut)
5% Emily Carr (painter)
5% Lucy Maud Montgomery (author)
27% Other

WE ASKED Metro readers

All of the Famous Five! No other group of women has done more for women in Canada.

E. Pauline Johnson (Tekahionwake), for her poetry celebrating Aboriginal heritage.

Why not do a full series of bills using women? Don't women deserve more than a 'Oh Ya One Woman Did Something'?

(First female MP) Agnes MacPhail, because she devoted her life to service of Canada and increasing opportunities for Canadian women.

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HAVE YOUR SAY

The new library begins in a public- trust deficit

COLLINS' CAPITAL

Steve Collins

Someday in the bright, nearish future (2020 is the current goal) somewhere in this city (557 Wellington? LeBreton Flats? East of the Rideau Canal?), students and seniors and job-seekers and the rest will be going about our business (for the most part quietly, in consideration of one another) in a new central library.

In the interim, though, we can count on a certain degree of noisy contention over the details. After repeated false starts and years of inaction, the process is quickly growing in complexity, a Rubik's Cube of interlocking organizations, timelines and alliances.

A potential team-up with Library and Archives Canada, for example, was deemed promising enough that the library board last week approved going ahead with planning for both a joint and a standalone facility at the same time.

Two competing bids the National Capital Commission is considering for the redevelopment of LeBreton Flats both include proposed new libraries, further multiplying our possible futures.

Library CEO Danielle McDonald said the new facility — wherever it is and whoever builds it — will have three main purposes: to serve downtown users, city users and visitors to the city.

How many tourists actually visit the library in a strange city? I personally recommend them as usually central locations to find your bearings and a free washroom, but remain skeptical that ours does or will top the must-see list on anyone's trip to Ottawa.

One woman told the library board she has a disability and walks the couple of blocks to the current Metcalfe Street bunker every day with her husband. A move to LeBreton, she said, would involve a daily transit trip they couldn't afford. She worried about being "thrown under the bus" in favour of out-of-town visitors.

Library board chair Tim Tierney was once again obliged to reassure everybody that no decision's been made on a location, and that the fix is not in for LeBreton.

For an enterprise so seemingly uncontroversial and still in its early stages, public trust seems a shaky, and the board doesn't always welcome criticism (Tierney had already clashed with members of activist group Bookmark the Core, and one speaker at last week's meeting was shushed by three different board members over the course of a sharply worded five-minute presentation).

Some public unease can probably be put down to the Lansdowne effect. The sole-sourced redevelopment deal, whatever its virtues and successes, was nobody's idea of a triumph of public engagement, and lawsuits ensued.

And the central library project itself has been shelved and restarted enough to cause a build-up of weary skepticism.

But it's early days. Critics can help by speaking up of course, but with courtesy and good faith. The evidence some see of a shadowy conspiracy of developers and city officials to produce a really crappy library is so far pretty thin.

Public consultations planned for May and June are a prime opportunity to regain public confidence. With re-election looming in 2018, this council is keen to get shovels in the ground. Now is the time to put an ear to it.

Steve Collins lives in Ottawa. He might also be the guy behind you on the bus, pretending not to notice you're reading this. Act casual.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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What assisted-dying advocates can learn from the abortion fight

Anyone watching the assisted-dying debate will see the similarities to abortion.

David Nash, chair of the Catholic Health Association of Ontario, does. Interviewed recently by CBC's Anna Maria Tremonti, he said, "We've been through this before, and uh, with these arguments..."

"On what?" Tremonti pressed.

"Well, on, on, on, reproductive issues," Nash said, leaving Tremonti to actually say the word.

"On abortion," she clarified.

"Yeah."

That Nash had trouble even saying the word speaks volumes for the stigma that still surrounds women's right to an abortion in Canada — something that is legal, but governed by no law.

Like abortion, some doctors and health institutions say the practice goes against their conscience (only 29 per cent have said they'll perform it, according to the Canadian Medical Association).

Like abortion, assisted death is legal, like it or not. But legality doesn't mean accessibility, as abortion seekers in many rural areas will attest (or anyone in P.E.I., which is being sued for failing to provide abortion access).

For assisted-dying advocates, abortion offers a warning. And for abortion advocates, the assisted-dying laws could offer hope.

Let's begin with the warning. Dr. Wendy Norman, the Canadian Institutes of Health Research chair in family planning, says provinces with equitable abortion access have laws that require abortion services to be spread across population centres. Without that, she says, "There's gross inequity" for rural areas. In other words: If we don't mandate access, people will be denied their rights.

Even Mifegymiso, the abortion pill soon to be available in Canada, may not solve the issue, Norman warns. Thanks to Health Canada rules, only doctors, not pharmacists, will be allowed to dispense the drug. Those rules could lessen the number of doctors willing to prescribe it, she warns. In other words: If you make it burdensome for physicians, that may hinder care.

Now, for hope. If assisted dying becomes easily accessible, that could aid advocates for better abortion access. The joint parliamentary committee report made it explicit that all publicly funded health institutions should provide assisted dying. While that seems unlikely, and maybe not necessary, a push to normalize and destigmatize the ending of life could help wash away the stigma still clinging to abortion. Norman noted, despite being proud to provide them, rural physicians who offer abortions tend to keep the practice quiet.

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Madonna's daughter Lourdes Leon makes modeling debut for Stella McCartney

Can Yolanda and Annick meet their financial goals? **Metro's finance guru Lesley-Anne Scorgie** is almost out of time to help the women tackle their largest financial burdens and teach them to allocate resources.

What giving is really worth

LESLEY-ANNE SCORGIE
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THE CHALLENGE: Two young women want to change their lives by transforming their finances and creating a plan to achieve their top goals. For 27-year-old Yolanda, that is eventual home ownership and for 24-year-old Annick, that's getting out of debt. Join the conversation #MetroMoney-Makeover @LesleyScorgie.

THIS WEEK: Should Yolanda stop tithing to her church or cancel her subscription to sponsor two children in developing countries? If so, she'll be able to amp-up her savings for a down payment, but it might break her heart in the process.

NEXT WEEK: Annick has to file her taxes and create a plan for her expected return. But, what will she do if, like last year, she's on the hook to pay-up? The case for emergency funds and a higher income gets stronger by the week.

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THE SITUATION

Yolanda's frugality is paying off. She's up to $600 per month in savings towards a down payment and once she's moved back in with her mom, she'll be able to save an additional $200 per month.

To smooth out Yolanda's monthly cash flow, we re-scheduled her regular contributions into her TFSA, RRSP and savings account (a.k.a. her buffer account) from monthly to bi-weekly. That aligns with her bi-weekly paycheques and now she won't feel squeezed on the first of every month.

I've bit my tongue for over two months now, but finally asked Yolanda whether she believes she can afford to continue giving away $350 per month. Since she was young, her motto has been to give 10 per cent, but because she's got a huge generous heart, one child-sponsorship turned into two, which then turned into tithing more to her church and, voila, 10 per cent turned into 15.

After thoughtful consideration, Yolanda has decided to pare back her donations to $260 per month starting in April. She will still get the deep pleasure of knowing she's helping others, but not at the expense of pushing out her financial goals another few years.

THE LESSON

Besides getting ripped off, there are very few things that irritate me more than when I hear "I can't give because I don't have any money." Giving happens in a variety of ways — volunteering and money. During various stages of your life you'll have more money than time, or vice versa.

Giving is a critical component of any rock-solid financial plan because there is a return on investment when you give — investor types call this ROI. Not only does it help strengthen the fabric of our community (and reduce strain on important social systems), it leads to job and leadership opportunities, increased sales and expanded networks.

Even when mega-wealthy people were poor and just starting out, most made giving a priority, just like Yolanda. When polled, rich people often attributed their financial success to spending within their means, saving for the future and giving back.

Yolanda doesn't make gobs of money. But with her $41,000 annual income per year, she's chosen to follow in the footsteps of rich people; making giving a "need" rather than a "want."

NET WORTH

THE PROGRESS

Yolanda is kicking financial butt! Since first meeting her in December 2015, she's increased her net worth by $2,450!

Assets	Dec-15	Mar-16
TFSA	$400	$800
RRSP	$600	$1,100
Savings	$0	$150
Pension	$3,300	$4,700
Total Assets	**$4,300**	**$6,750**
Liabilities		
VISA	$0	$0
Master Card	$0	$0
Total Liabilities	**$0**	**$0**
Net worth	**$4,300**	**$6,750**

Yolanda revisits her charitable donations. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

CANADIAN SCREEN AWARDS

Canada makes room in its heart for pint-sized actor

The Canadian Screen Awards has made plenty of room for Room — a taut mother-son drama that emerged as a late-blooming Oscar contender and made a star out of its nine-year-old leading man.

Jacob Tremblay won for best performance by an actor in a leading role for the Canadian-Ireland co-production; his co-stars, Oscar-winner Brie Larson and Joan Allen won best actress in a leading role and best actress in a supporting role, respectively; while Emma Donoghue won for best adapted screenplay for the thriller.

The film — about a precocious five-year-old who learns he's spent his entire life in captivity — had headed into the gala with a leading 11 nominations, winning nine.

Credit much of that to its pint-sized leading man Jacob Tremblay, who was just seven when filming took place in Toronto.

The Vancouverite exploded into a media darling this awards season after aww-inducing appearances at the Screen Actors Guild Awards, the Critics' Choice Awards and the Academy Awards.

Despite his Hollywood success, Tremblay said it was good to be home.

"I'm Canadian so it's pretty good to be recognized in my hometown," Tremblay said on the red carpet.

"I'm not really used to all this stuff and I still get nervous at these shows but this is like one of the first Canadian awards show I'm going to.

"It's probably the only one, so I'm excited."

Other big winners Sunday included the Paul Gross war film Hyena Road, which collected three awards in technical categories including overall sound, sound editing and visual effects.

Meanwhile, the Canada-U.K.-Ireland co-production Brooklyn scored wins for best cinematography and original score.

On the TV side, over the course of the CSA awards week, CBC's Schitt's Creek was the leading comedy with nine wins in total while Space's clone drama Orphan Black had seven.

CBC's acclaimed miniseries The Book of Negroes collected 10 trophies in total, including wins for lead actress Aunjanue Ellis, lead actor Lyriq Bent and supporting actress Shailyn Pierre-Dixon. It also won best limited series.

I'm Canadian so it's pretty good to be recognized in my hometown
Room star and CSA winner Jacob Tremblay

Donoghue, who also wrote Room the book, said she was glad to have one last celebration with Tremblay in Canada.

"Because we made Room in Toronto and then we really launched it at (the Toronto International Film Festival), it feels like the completion of the circle so I couldn't be happier.

"This is kind of like a wonderful farewell party to this whole crazy year," said Donoghue, adding that Tremblay has remained "a very natural, down-to-earth kid with good manners."

"I suppose we shouldn't try and insist that he spend his life as an actor but I hope he does because he has a rare and beautiful talent for it and he clearly enjoys it." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Will bachelor Ben pick JoJo or Lauren?

Three little words and two women add up to a tough decision for Ben Higgins in Monday's Season 20 finale of The Bachelor. The 27-year-old software account manager told both of the women he loved them, which makes deciding which heart to break harder than usual. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

PHYSICAL ATTRACTION

JoJo Fletcher, 24

Hometown
Dallas, Texas

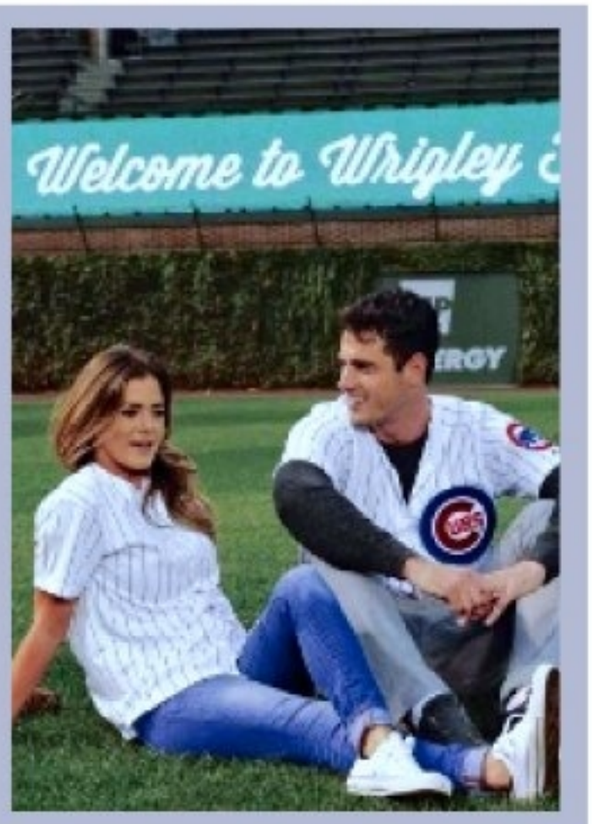
Occupation
Real estate developer

Best date
Playing ball with Higgins at Chicago's Wrigley Field, which showed off her fun-loving vibe.

Faux scandal
Her brothers accused Higgins of brainwashing the women on the show.

Why she could be the one
Higgins has said he feels the most himself with Fletcher, and he didn't cut and run when her overprotective brothers gave him a hard time in Dallas.

Why she might not
The bits of their relationship we've seen seem based on physical chemistry, suggesting he's more in lust than love.



Ben and Jojo playing ball at Wrigley Field.

THE GIRL NEXT DOOR

Lauren Bushnell, 25

Hometown
Portland, Ore.

Occupation
Flight attendant

Best date
Helping shepherd sea turtles back to the ocean in Jamaica, which showed off her unassuming, girl-next-door vibe.

Faux scandal
A jealous contestant told Higgins that Bushnell was two-faced.

Why she could be the one
She's been a front-runner all season. She and Higgins made a seemingly genuine connection on Night 1 and he has said he can't imagine his life without her.

Why she might not
The franchise has a history of editing women to look like front-runners who turn out to be also-rans.

Ben and Lauren on a date in her hometown.

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'This league matters': Wick's Inferno victorious

CLARKSON CUP

Canadian legend adds one more big title to resumé

Hayley Wickenheiser can now say she's won at every level of women's hockey.

The five-time Olympian and her Calgary Inferno teammates captured their first ever Clarkson Cup on Sunday with an impressive 8-3 victory over Montreal's Les Canadiennes.

Following the game Wickenheiser admitted winning the Canadian Women's Hockey League championship holds a special place among her many accomplishments.

"I was thinking to myself I've pretty much won every championship except for this one and just to do it with this group of players," said the 37-year-old Wickenheiser. "This league is interesting in the sense that you've got some players that are pro players like myself and some of the other national team players and then you've got women who are working 9 to 5 jobs and they come to the rink at night to practise. They don't get a chance to train.

"I was thinking about those players. We've got a police officer, a teacher, a lawyer and for those girls to win a championship like this it really means a lot to them. That's why this league matters."

Wickenheiser will have little time to relish the victory as she will be preparing for the upcoming world championships.

This was the Inferno's first appearance in the final whereas Montreal has appeared in six of eight Clarkson Cup finals, winning three.

Montreal (21-3) came in as the favourite after finishing the regular season in first place with a 4-2 record against Calgary, but the Inferno got out front early and never looked back.

"Our girls played with a lot of heart," said Calgary coach Scott Reid. "We just decided to leave it out on the table.

Blayre Turnbull, Brianne Jenner, Jessica Campbell and Rebecca Johnston each scored twice for the Inferno as Delayne Brian faced 41 shots.

Marie-Philip Poulin, Noemie Marin and Kim Deschenes scored for Les Canadiennes. Charline Labonte faced 25 shots.

Les Canadiennes were reeling from the loss and struggled to explain how things fell apart so badly in such a big game.

"I have to admit I'm a little surprised considering our preparation," said Montreal coach Dany Brunet.

Labonte, who will play in the upcoming World Championships, was far from her best on this day.

Held at Canadian Tire Centre, this marked the first time a Clarkson Cup final was played in an NHL arena.

An announced crowd of 4,082 witnessed some of the best in the women's game as the Inferno boasted nine members of the Canadian Olympic women's team including Jenner, Johnston, Hayley Wickenheiser, and Meaghan Mikkelson. The Canadiennes roster included Poulin, Labonte and former Olympic team member Caroline Ouellette.

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> **It was our night. We couldn't really be denied.**
> Calgary Inferno forward Hayley Wickenheiser

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Calder Reid, son of coach Scott Reid and Inferno player Meaghan Mikkelson, gets a ride in the Clarkson Cup on Sunday in Ottawa. JUSTIN TANG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

BRIER

Jacobs captures bronze

Northern Ontario's Brad Jacobs defeated Manitoba's Mike McEwen 7-6 in Sunday's bronze-medal game at the Tim Hortons Brier in Ottawa.

McEwen forced an extra end with a double takeout to score a pair. Jacobs had hammer in the 11th end and drew to the four-foot for the victory.

McEwen stole a pair in the opening end but Jacobs followed with a deuce of his own. Jacobs took the lead with a single in the fourth end and stole another point in the fifth.

The Manitoba skip came through with a nice double to pull even in the sixth end, but Jacobs answered with a deuce in the eighth.

Jacobs, the lone unbeaten skip in the round-robin, fell into the third-place game this year after losing to Koe in the semifinal on Saturday night. McEwen, meanwhile, lost to Koe in the 3-4 Page Playoff game.

Jacobs won the Brier in 2013 and took Olympic gold at the Sochi Games the following year. He lost in last year's final to Team Canada's Pat Simmons.

This was McEwen's first appearance at a Brier.

Gushue won Olympic gold at the 2006 Turin Games but has never won the national men's curling title in 12 previous appearances. Koe won the Brier in 2010 and 2014.

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FA CUP

Gunners crash out against Watford

The FA Cup served up another shock for the established powers of English football when Arsenal lost 2-1 at home to Watford on Sunday, ending its bid to win the trophy for a third straight year.

A day after Chelsea tumbled out of the competition, Arsenal also saw its best chance of silverware quashed as Watford joined Crystal Palace and Everton in an unlikely lineup for the semifinals at Wembley Stadium next month.

The last four won't be completed for a few weeks, after Anthony Martial grabbed an 83rd-minute equalizer for Manchester United in a 1-1 draw against West Ham. Dimitri Payet's 30-metre free kick that kissed the post on its way in put West Ham ahead at Old Trafford, although the France playmaker was lucky to be on the field having escaped a yellow card for diving minutes earlier.

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IN BRIEF

Schwartzel wins Valspar

Charl Schwartzel closed with a 4-under 67 for the best score of the final round Sunday, and then beat Bill Haas on the first extra hole of a playoff in the Valspar Championship in Palm Harbor, Fla.

Schwartzel holed a 65-foot birdie putt on the 13th and a 25-foot birdie putt on the 17th hole to reach 7-under 277.

Haas had a two-shot lead with three holes to play.

He closed with a 72.

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Junior gold goes to Canada

Canada's Mary Fay won a see-saw battle against the United States with a 7-4 victory to capture gold at the world junior curling championships in Denmark.

"It feels amazing to have won this with my best friends, it's surreal and hasn't sunk in yet, and I'm so proud of my team for all their hard work," Fay said.

In men's action, Winnipeg skip Matt Dunstone led Canada to an 8-4 win over Switzerland for bronze.

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MLB

Bautista off to the home-run races

Jose Bautista hit his first spring homer and Aaron Sanchez tossed four scoreless innings, leading the Toronto Blue Jays to a 6-1 win over a Tampa Bay Rays split-squad on Sunday in Dunedin, Fla.

Playing in his second game of the spring, Bautista drove an inside fastball from prospect Taylor Guerrieri off a light pole beyond the left-field fence for a three-run shot in the third.

Bautista was 0 for 1 with a strikeout, walk and hit-by-pitch in his spring debut on Thursday against the Yankees.

"That's what he does," Blue Jays manager John Gibbons said. "He's been getting his work in, but ... he's a guy you can always count on."

Sanchez, in the mix for a spot in the rotation, yielded a leadoff double to Brandon Guyer in the first before retiring 11 straight. The 23-year-old right-hander walked one and struck out four.

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RECIPE Cauliflower Couscous Bowl with Sweet Potato and Brussels Sprouts

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

This couscous imposter makes eating your veggies easy and delish. Makes 4 bowls.

Ready in
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 40 minutes

Ingredients
- 1 sweet potato, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 2 cups Brussels sprouts, quartered
- 1 Tbsp plus 2 tsp olive oil
- 1 head cauliflower
- 1/2 tsp cumin
- 1/4 cup crumbled feta
- 1 pat of butter
- 4 eggs

Directions
1. Preheat oven to 400.
2. In a bowl, toss the sweet potato and Brussels sprout pieces with 2 tsp olive oil and 1/2 tsp salt. On a rimmed baking sheet, in a single layer, spread vegetables and roast, stirring once or twice, until deep golden brown and tender inside, 20 to 25 minutes.
3. Cut cauliflower in quarters and carve out core from each. Cut quarters into florets. Transfer into food processor and pulse until couscous-sized granules. Turn out into a bowl.
4. Heat large skillet over medium heat, add 1 Tbsp oil. Add cauliflower couscous and sprinkle with salt. Add cumin and stir. Cook until tender, 4 to 5 minutes. Take off heat. Gather 2 cups of couscous.
5. In another pan over medium heat, add butter and four eggs. Cook a few minutes and cover the pan, about 1 to 2 minutes, to help whites set. Remove eggs once whites are set and the yolks are cooked to your preference.
6. Stir together couscous, sweet potato mix and feta or divide veggies amongst four bowls and sprinkle with feta. Top with a fried egg and serve.

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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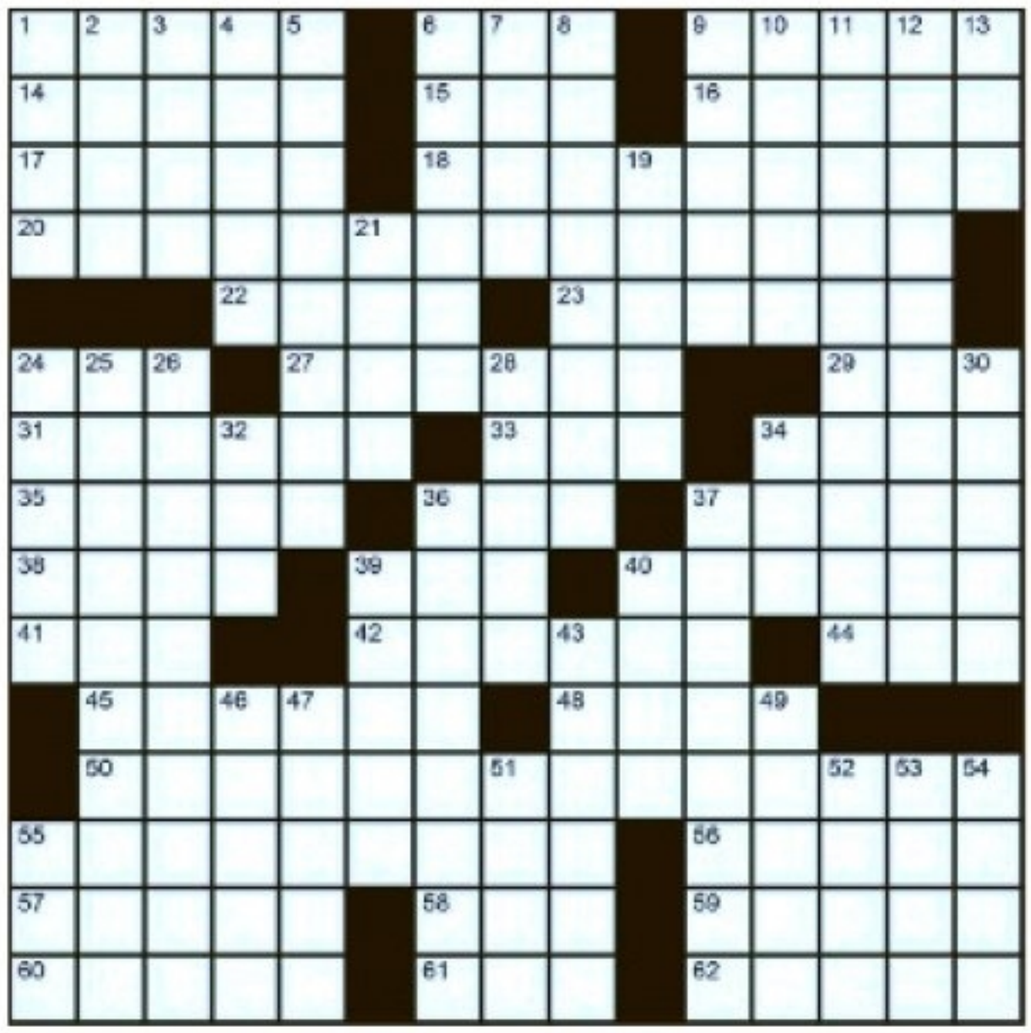

ACROSS
1. Gather gradually in greatness
6. "Long Island Medium" network
9. Chicago choreographer Bob
14. Spanish poet, Federico Garcia _ (b.1898 - d.1936)
15. Record label
16. Canadian wrestling legend Mr. Hart, and namesakes
17. "_ _ for Murder" (1954)
18. Right-then-and-there
20. Juno Awards category: 4 wds.
22. Alphabetical quartet
23. Kevin of "Shark Tank"
24. "4am" Cdn. band
27. Warp the wording
29. Mont Blanc, for one
31. Toronto-born actress/director Sarah
33. _ and yang
34. Agitate
35. "Do I view the world as _ _ of tears?" (Bit of 19th-century British writer Robert Browning's poem Confessions)
36. Supplements store
37. Russian pancake
38. Farm birds
39. Earthy prefix
40. Isn't impartial ...is?
41. Used the chair
42. In the office: 2 wds.
44. The Waste Land poet's monogram
45. Easter's extensive eats
48. Charges
50. Misery for chickens, pigs and cows: 2 wds.
55. Duracell products
56. Pointer
57. Food Network chef Guy
58. Quebec-headquartered simulators co.
59. Near
60. Isle of _ (Scottish island)
61. U.S. President after F.D.R.
62. The _ (Clark of comics' family)

DOWN
1. Alan of "The Aviator" (2004)
2. Churn
3. United _ Emirates
4. _ _ 7 (Brit pop group)
5. The Cremation of _ _ (1907 poem by 'Bard of the Yukon' Robert Service)
6. Buy one/Get one free offer, colloquially
7. Lead up to Easter
8. The Pope's religion
9. "Sue Thomas: _._._"
10. By land _ _
11. 1980: Quebec Referendum 'Oui' supporter
12. Plots
13. Approx.
19. _ of Troy
21. Jazz singer Anita
24. Moonfishies
25. "One Night _ _" by Bryan Adams
26. Herbivore
28. "The bus should have been here _ _." (Commuter's observation)
30. Lions group
32. Actor Cool J's
34. Gr. that kidnapped Patty Hearst
36. Wins the lotto: 2 wds.
37. Car roof contraption, perhaps: 2 wds.
39. Croc's cousin
40. California city
43. Counterbalance
46. Union for Canada's actors, etc.
47. Beer mug
49. Exhibit elation
51. Thumbs up votes
52. "_ _ it!" (This job is getting done!)
53. Arboreal abode
54. _ de Flandres (French stoneware)
55. Stage actor's deg.

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
The evidence has been there for some time that someone is trying to undermine your efforts, but you decided to ignore it. Now though you have no choice. They cannot be allowed to continue bad-mouthing you.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
No one expects you to be perfect, so don't expect it of yourself. Like everyone else you have limits and if you are smart you will identify what they are and make sure you stay within them. You can still do amazing things.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
By all means help a friend who made a mistake but let them know it's not going to be a regular occurrence. If they carry on, you may have to withhold help until they get the message.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Tough decisions will have to be made this week but Cancer is a cardinal sign and among other things that means you're not afraid to go in a completely new direction. So move – fast!

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
There will be a number of dramatic changes in your life over the next few days. The ride may be bumpy but everything will come right in the end. You have nothing to fear.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Promise yourself as the new week begins that no matter what happens, you won't let it get you down. The road you are on may be a tough one but already you can see light at the end of the tunnel, so keep going and keep believing.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You will come under considerable pressure over the next few days and there may be times when you come close to lashing out at people you love. Don't. Breathe deeply and stay calm. It will all come right in the end.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You have a lot of energy at your disposal now and you should use it for creative and constructive purposes. Don't waste your time and your energy on senseless feuds.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You will encounter some kind of resistance over the next 24 hours, most likely from an authority figure. Should you hit back or should you give in? Just this once the latter may be the smarter course. Live to fight another day.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Knowing what you want to do is just the first step — you still have to go out and make it happen. Now you have started on your quest you must see it through to the end.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
The coming week will throw up several opportunities and you must stay alert if you want to make the most of them. Wherever possible, find out as much as you can about the situations you find yourself in. Forewarned is forearmed.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
A situation that has been bugging you for weeks must be dealt with today and positive cosmic activity in your own sign will help you get to the root of the problem. Take your time and make the right decisions.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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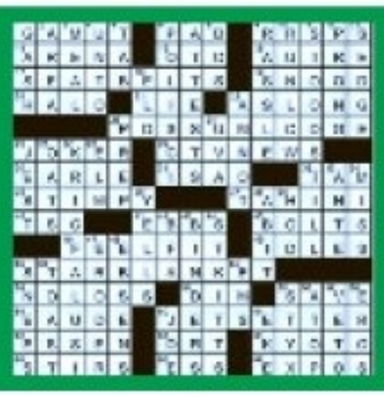

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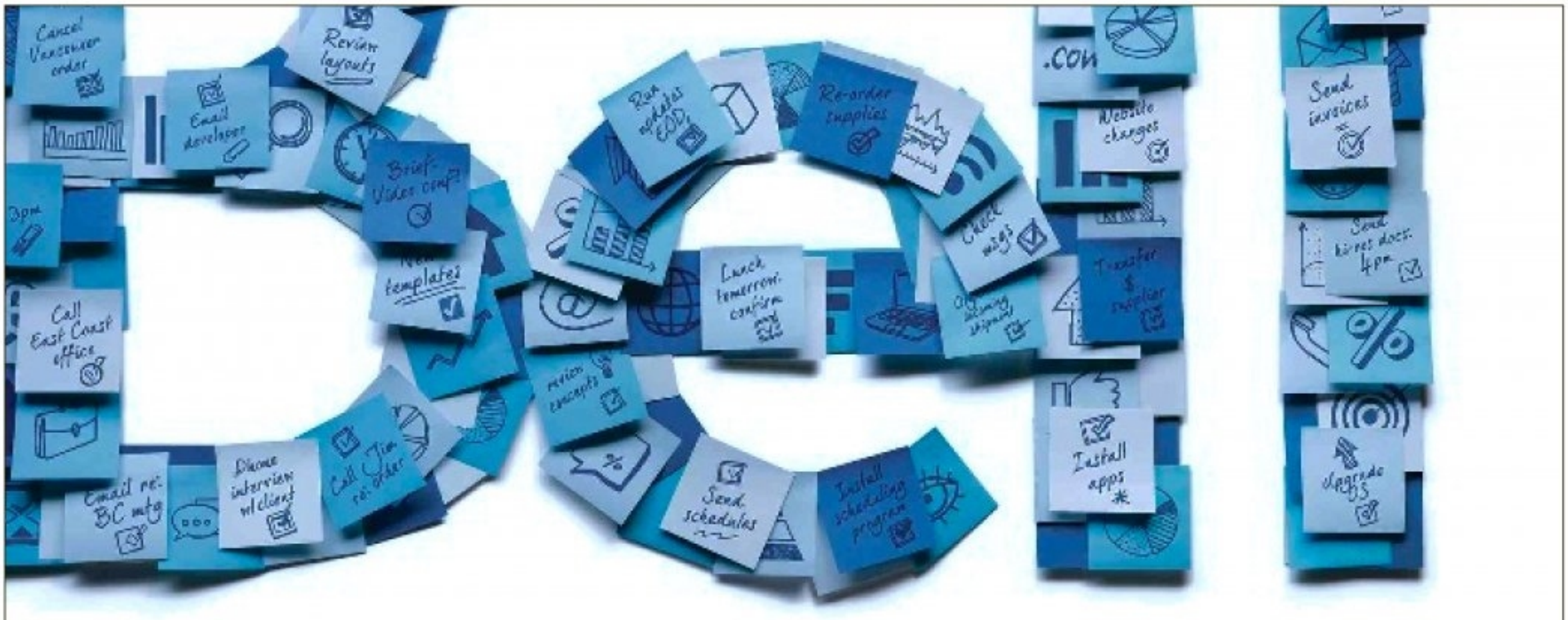

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